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"In a pudding is not commonly not just one thing alone, but one thing with other things together." Littleton.

In compliance with the requests of several correspondents we have filled the present paper with their communications, and shall continue to insert them, wind and weather permitting, whenever we can spare room.

To the Aeronauts.

Gentlemen.

Being in fear lest my disappearance from society should give rise to the circulation of some report detrimental to my credit, and wishing to relieve the anxiety of my friends and female acquaintances, I take the liberty of communicating to them through your box the cause of my seclusion from the world. I was standing in the porch of the City Hotel on Saturday evening last, looking at the ladies that went by, when a horsefly flew down my throat: all my attempts to dislodge him proved ineffectual; he forced his passage onwards; and, in consequence of the shock, I have been thrown into violent spasms - but hope soon to recover and remain,

your humble servant,

SOLOMON GRIG.

To the Aeronauts -

Gent.n

As I am a modest man, I beseech you to spare my blushes and let me go on with that which I have to say, without any prefatory comments.

I perfectly coincide with you in many of your remarks made in a late paper, on a certain Institution in this City. On the downfall of the Ugly Club, of which I was an honorary member, (on account of my fine locks and other particulars,) I was soon inveigled into that association of which you spoke not long since. If it had not been for me, they could have indeed made but a poor hand of the business. As it is, I conclude you deemed me ~~so~~ such a notorious exception, that it was unnecessary to make any personal allusions. However, as your periodical may descend to

hostarily, and as the memorial of the aforesaid confederacy, certainly will not, in any other shape than that in which you have consum: :ed it, I thought it eligible to let thos who are to come after us know, that I was its bulwark, free from the errors of its ways, but exemplifying all its contempla: :ted excellencies -

I was educated in Europe. I have a fiery imagination; I am very well read and know how to bring all the powers of my mind to bear. In the words of one of my speeches, "I am a compendious abridgment of the Encyclopedia Bri: :tannica - I am a sign post where four roads meet." Believe me, gentlemen, I have got an imagination like a horse. I can make such similies as were never thought of before; and, had Solomon been born in America, he would not have said

"there is nothing need under the sun." I shall soon be at the summit of my profession; when I shall equal Philips, and cut him out too, as I confidently expect, then, if you pay due attention to this communication, I will favour you with my patronage.

THUNDERBUG AGONISTES.

To the Aeronauts.

Gentlemen.

A number of gentlemen of whom I have one, have formed themselves into a society, called The Nobility. As we are at present at a loss what to do with ourselves consistently with our dignity, we are forming a constitution. Meantime, I think proper to send you an account of our body, that we may be respected generally; which indeed we must be, as we have nothing

in the world to do, and are the only gen:
:tlemen in the country.

we all went to college, but it made us sick; and our mamas took us away, for which we were grateful to the old women. when we got well, some of us went into lawyer's offices and others into merchants' counting houses. we found nothing there but books and pen and ink, and by the advice of the old quivers themselves, cut them in a very agreeable manner. we all entered them with one accord into a solemn league and covenant, to do nothing but what we pleased.

we dress and undress; walk Broadway and stand in doors of Washington Hall and the City Hotel. we drink and swear, ride on horseback and visit ladies of our own rank. we have made it part of our

constitution, that we will take up with nothing half good a half bad; and in applying this rule to females, we find very few fit to converse with, except some of our own families, who never read any more than ourselves, and have like us nothing to do. In the other extreme, to keep up our credit as gentlemen of fashion, we send one of our number every month to visit the obliging Archbishop. By this method we keep ourselves all fashionably thin.

At first we found ourselves confounded by put to it, to kill time. We were then mere children; and not yet introduced into the more refined enjoyments in which we at present indulge. We cried fire, at the doors of churches; tied strings to the knockers of houses, where a parcel of old men and women got together to pray; and squirted tobacco juice over

every white frock we met. Then were our nocturnal pursuits.

But we soon gave such childish sport up, and devoted ourselves to billiards, cards &c together with all our present diversifications.

We heard from one of our companions who has made the tour of Europe, that there may be orders of nobility in a republic as well as elsewhere. I think he said it was the case among the Turks and Hottentots. We wish to be informed on this head, from your mouths; whenever you should travel that way. It is high time we were Lords, as the trash in this country cannot be taught to respect us, without a title to distinguish us. It is, gentlemen a crying fact, that a paltry lawyer spit in the face of one of our order. Another had his nose pulled on the steps of a tavern by a feather

fisted farmer, whom he sure of by mis-
take, for amusement. I myself, in my
neat gig and tandem, was chased through
a village and whipped, by a boisterous
fellow from the Southward, merely be-
cause I said, I should be pleased to
be in his sister's good graces.

Gentlemen, unless something is done
for us, we, the nobility of the country must
perish. We are without remedy, for we
cannot stoop to fight these ruff scruff.
Let me hear from you soon, and you shall
be admitted to my Circle among the first,
when I get my title.

HARRY SMOCKFACE.

P. S. I suppose, when we are made
Dukes, we shall have revenues according
to our dignity; because most of us are
at present as poor as Job's turkey cock;
and must soon break our fathers and mo-
thers. It is a happy thing however, that

we cannot conveniently trust ourselves.

H. S.

To the Aeronauts.

Gentlemen

As the patrons of American manufactures I solicit yor notice of my own productions. I have paid great attention to ichtyology, and am at present publishing my masterpiece to the public, for which I am applying to Congress for a patent. It is a real whale, made of canvass, and so neatly put together, that it has been mistaken for the leviathan, by all the Faculty of the Alms House. So surprising is the deception, that one of their gentleman asked me with great earnestness, "whether it was alive?"

If properly encouraged, I intend to build a manufactory in this city, and float one of these monsters in the river, as scare crows to frighten away the sword fishes

natives of our water, who are beginning to breed very fast.

I shall also exercise my talent in making real fishes of every genus and species from Behemoth to bloodsuckers. My object is not to reap a mere mercenary harvest – it is my wish to fan the kindling embers of patriotism, and reward the successful exertions of honest ambition. I will make a facsimile of the Mammoth turtle, which exposed to the view of our youth, shall make the mouth of their amor patriæ water to become one of the principal municipality of this most mighty city. I will also expose a porpus, that they may emulate the majesty of rotundity, until they are qualified to roll in the Lord Mayor's coach and also under the table.

I will exhibit sunfishes, writhing in real agonies on the hook, as a warning to all two legged fluttereres, who tempt the sphere of dangerous attraction.

If you give this publicity, I will give you free admission to my canvas whale, and a cheap lecture on my art a mystery.

JOHN WHALEMAKER.